Dear members of the Avila community,
Welcome to the start of a new year and the beginning of the next fifty years in the growth and development of our wonderful college.
A special welcome to all our new students in Years 8-11, our 188 new Year 7 students and all new staff who have joined our vibrant learning community this year.
We were delighted to have our outstanding VCE results of 2015 highlighted in the digital version of The Age on 19 December last year. It is certainly something we are very proud of and know it is the culmination of students’ efforts, teachers’ encouragement and family support.
Please see the link below for the article.

We welcome the following new teaching staff in 2016:
Kiara Baka – Mathematics Curriculum Leader, Mathematics Years 7, 10, 12
Steve Edwards – Numeracy Co-ordinator, Mathematics Years 7, 8, 9, Humanities Year 7
Tim Ross – Sports Co-ordinator, Health and Physical Education Years 7-11
Simone Carroll - Religious Education Years 7, 9, 10 and English Year 8
Caitlin Cummins – Mathematics Years 8, 10, Science Year 7 and Religious Education Year 7
Caroline Kelly – Drama Years 7, 8, 10 and Humanities Year 8
Cherilynne Kingston – Science Years 9, 10 and Mathematics Year 9
Naomi Linossier – Health and Physical Education Years 7, 9, 10, 12
Nicole Sim – Health and Physical Education Years 8, 9, 10, Humanities Year 9.

In addition we welcome the following new Education School Officers:
Rayana Gough – PA to Deputy Principal Learning and Teaching and PA to Director of Marketing and Development, and Gabrielle Jones – Finance team.

I would like to welcome back staff who have been on leave: Ingrid O’Sullivan, Jolenta Kirkwood, Anna Cornell, Janet Lewis, Russell Curr, Annie Burns, Sophie Clapperton and Michelle Hanger.

As many parents who have attended our recent parent information nights would have heard, we recently reviewed and re-wrote our Vision and Mission statement. As part of this process we were asked to describe what we do, the characteristics of Avila students and the values of our college. Our new College Mission statement is:

We offer Avila girls the best Catholic education and inspire successful futures.
We give our students options and opportunities to explore and understand what a great future looks like and what it takes to get there.
We challenge them to always strive to be their best…both today while they’re students and tomorrow, long after they have left the college.

Our new Vision statement is:

We inspire our girls today to become successful women tomorrow.

From this we have a statement that we will use in all our College promotions:

Inspiring today for tomorrow

This is our commitment, keeping in mind our core business of education for all students who attend our college.
From the Principal continued…

Community news:
Congratulations are extended to Lisa Manning (staff member) and her husband Oliver following the birth of their son Nathaniel James on 15 January, a younger brother to Susannah. We also congratulate Amelia Smith (staff member) on her recent engagement to Ben; Viv Hughes (staff member on leave) on her marriage to Hilton; and Marie Stuart on her marriage to Pete.
Sympathy and prayers are extended to Nytaba Thiep Year 9 following her younger brother Jagueth’s death during the holidays and Theo Van Eyk (staff member) following the recent death of his mum.
With blessings to everyone in this year of Mercy,

Louise Gunther
Principal

ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 7, 2017
Applications for Year 7 entry in 2017 at Avila College close on Friday, 26 February 2016.
If you are considering an enrolment please return your application by this date. Application forms are available on the College website – www.avilacollege.vic.edu.au or from the General Office.
If you require a tour of the School we will be holding an “Open Morning” on Tuesday 16 February from 9am. Online registration of attendance is available under Enrolment/Open Mornings also on the College website.
All families and friends are welcome.
Should you require any further information, please call the Registrar on 9831 9600.

EVACUATION PROCEDURES
As part of the College’s responsibilities for both our students and staff we ensure that regular evacuation drills are practised regularly. These drills cover both Evacuation and Lockdown procedures.
Our procedures have been developed in conjunction with Dynamiq Emergency Management. This company has provided the College with professional advice and procedures to assist us in handling various emergency situations. Our wardens and staff have been trained by the company to ensure that the best practices are followed.
This year on Friday 29 January the entire school practised an Evacuation. It allowed the community, especially the newer members, both students and staff, to experience and gain confidence in the procedures undertaken at Avila College. Parents should feel confident that the College has undertaken necessary measures to ensure that our community is well prepared to deal with any foreseeable situations.

FOOD RECALL NOTICE
Parents will be aware that a range of foods have been re-called over the past week. The College has checked and neither the Food Technology department nor Metro Canteens have stocked or used the brands that were re-called. We will continue to monitor the situation to ensure that the health of students is a priority

COLLEGE BOARD MEETING
The Annual Reporting Meeting of the College Board will be held in the Gathering Space on Tuesday, 8 March at 7pm. A warm invitation is extended to all parents to attend this meeting.
Sally-Anne Petrie
Chair, Avila College Board
FAITH AND MISSION

Welcome to another school year with all that it promises for your daughter. Thursday 18 February, is the Opening School Mass. It begins at 9am and all are welcome. Please RSVP to avila@avilacollege.vic.edu.au by Friday 12 February if you would like to join us. We will present our Senior Student Leaders to the community as they commence their new roles, celebrate our Year 12 students as they begin their final year at Avila and we will welcome all new students joining us in 2016.

This year promises to be a special year with Pope Francis declaring the Church will celebrate an extraordinary jubilee Holy Year of Mercy. It began on Tuesday 8 December, 2015 and will end Sunday 20 November, 2016 on the feast of Christ the King.

He explains in Misericordiae Vultus, a “desire that the year to come will be steeped in mercy, so that we can go out to every man and woman, bringing the goodness and tenderness of God! May the balm of mercy reach everyone, both believers and those far away, as a sign that the Kingdom of God is already present in our midst!”

“Above all, let us listen to the words of Jesus who made mercy an ideal of the life and creation for the credibility of our faith: “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy” (Mt 5:7): the beatitude to which we should particularly aspire in this Holy Year.”

Together, as we begin this new school year, we ask for the strength “to do the will of God.” May we find the courage to be the hands and feet of Christ in response to God’s love.

Renee Fleeton
Director of Faith and Mission

Prayer of Pope Francis for the Jubilee

Lord Jesus Christ,
You have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.
Show us your face and we will be saved.
Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money;
the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things;
made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.
Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman:
“If you knew the gift of God!”
You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy:
let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.
You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error:
let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.
Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.
We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy; you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.
Amen.
LEARNING AND TEACHING

Engaging with parents

Following a successful trial in Semester Two last year, all students and their parents will be able to access timely feedback on Assessment Tasks via Simon and PAM.

PAM is the Parent Access Module in Avila College’s Learning Management System (LMS) called Simon. Everyday students use Simon to check their daily bulletin, timetables, course work, communicate with teachers, and to locate past reports. PAM also provides parents with easy access to information such as students' timetables, teachers’ names, daily bulletin and semester reports. Appointments for parent-teacher interviews, known at Avila as “Oral Reports”, are booked through PAM.

All parents are provided with login details when their daughters commence at Avila. Year 7 parents and those new to Avila in other year levels will be issued with PAM logins very soon. Parents' logins are different from their daughters'; however, parents can ask their daughters to show them how to navigate the LMS if unsure. In addition, the IT Help Desk at Avila can assist parents when requested.

Based on research that shows timely and specific feedback leads to improvement in learning, we will make such feedback available in real time to parents as students’ Assessment Tasks are marked and returned to them. Of course, students have always received grades and additional feedback from their teachers in the past, but it hasn’t always been available online where they could return to it easily to check advice and where parents could also access it and thus provide support and encouragement.

Introduction of continuous online assessment means that Avila College Semester Reports will look a little different this year. They will still have comments from Homeroom Teachers about the development of personal attributes and participation in the co-curricular life of the College, brief descriptions of each subject, attendance data, assessment task grades, work habits and Victorian Curriculum ratings (Years 7-10). The summative comments that have appeared in the past will not appear on semester reports because richer and more detailed information about what has been achieved and specific advice for future learning will be available in the Learning Areas section of the student’s profile on PAM.

Setting up this new way of working with our students and parents may take a little time during term one but we believe the benefits for student learning are worth it. We ask for parents’ patience with the implementation of this initiative and will endeavour to keep you informed along the way.

Homework

Avila College has a clear homework policy designed to support student learning. Parents often worry about whether their daughters are doing too much or too little homework, especially at the beginning of a new year.

The following guidelines are published as a reminder that even if a teacher sets no work, students should use the time to review their learning from the day or to undertake some preliminary research for future learning. To ease the transition to secondary school, students in Year 7 are not set homework in the first two weeks of the year, with the exception of some Music tasks and revising their Maths times table. “Catch-up corner” operates at lunchtime with Maths teachers in attendance to support students’ learning beyond the classroom.

Homework Guidelines

Years 7 & 8 – 1 to 1.5 hours per night (approx 20 mins for each of the four subjects undertaken in a day)

Years 9 & 10 – 1.5 - 2 hours per night

Years 11 & 12 - 3 – 3.5 hours per night (approximately 5 hours per subject per week)

Occasionally, a student may need to apply for an extension of time to complete a major task. To provide students and staff with a consistent process under which extensions are given, the College has developed a ‘Years 7-10 Extension of Work’ procedure. Students must apply in writing requesting an extension for major pieces of work. The application must be co-signed by a parent and submitted to the subject teacher at least one day before the work is due in. Completing the form is no guarantee that an extension will be granted. It is at the subject teacher’s discretion as to if, and for how long an extension will be.
Students should only apply if they have genuine difficulties that are out of their control. Extensions may be refused if the difficulty was foreseeable and good planning could have avoided the problem, or if the student cannot show that a reasonable amount of the work has already been completed. Applications on or after the due date will not be accepted unless the student has been away due to illness and a medical certificate is supplied. A link to the “Application for Task Extension” form is on Simon.

This process:
· provides a consistent approach across all classes in Years 7 – 10;
· ensures that students know what is required when asking for more time to complete tasks;
· improves record keeping and accountability;
· helps to identify students who need support developing their time management skills.

We seek parents’ support in encouraging the development of responsibility, organisation and problem solving skills in our students.

Congratulations!

Last week we were delighted to welcome back and publicly congratulated high achievers from the class of 2015. There were many excellent VCE and VCAL results earned through consistent application to learning. Improvements in the overall median study score to 33 and in the percentage of students (12%) achieving study scores above 40 were most pleasing. One particular result at Avila of which we are very proud was the fact that **23 students** were awarded the relatively new **VCE Baccalaureate**. The Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) introduced the VCE Baccalaureate to acknowledge, encourage and reward students who deliberately embrace a broad but more challenging VCE program.

To be eligible to receive the VCE (Baccalaureate) the student must satisfactorily complete the VCE and receive a study score for each prescribed study component.

The student’s program must include:

- a Units 3 and 4 sequence in English or Literature with a study score of 30 or above; or a Units 3 and 4 sequence in EAL with a study score of 33 or above
- a Units 3 and 4 sequence in either Mathematics Methods or Specialist Mathematics
- a Units 3 and 4 sequence in a VCE Language
- at least two other Units 3 and 4 sequences

Avila congratulates the following students awarded the VCE Baccalaureate in 2015:

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*Madeleine Franken*

Deputy Principal Learning and Teaching
ADMINISTRATION NEWS

New Physical Education Uniform

In 2015, Avila College introduced a new PE uniform. All our incoming Year 7 students in 2015 onwards are required to purchase the new PE uniform. A change over period of two years, for current students, was introduced with all students to be in the new uniform by the start of next year, 2017.

The new PE uniform meets the requirements of students undertaking physical education classes as well as addressing some of the concerns raised by parents about the warmth during winter, the lack of flexibility/movement/stretch in the shorts and the inflexibility of the previous tracksuit.

These new items will serve the student population well into the future. The polo top identifies each student’s house they belong to as well as including the Avila College crest. The shorts are made of a fabric that will be more comfortable for all students to wear and the tracksuit is lined with polar-fleece to provide warmth; the tracksuit pants are a knitted fabric to allow for movement and give when students are undertaking physical education classes.
PASTORAL NEWS

New Beginnings
With the start for a new school year we see the excitement of new subjects to study and teach, new co-curricular activities to be involved in and the renewing effect of our Year 7s as they join the ranks of secondary school students.

With the change of year level comes the challenges of new homeroom groupings and new staff to guide learning. Much of the success of transitioning into a new year level can be obtained through compassion and caring. If students are prepared to show each other plenty of these two core College values then a new homeroom holds the opportunity to expand friendship circles, practise understanding and tolerance, and build a genuine sense of community.

Parents are vital in helping their children to become caring adults but we need to make sure that schools and parents do not give young people a mixed message about the importance of kindness. The first step in raising kind kids is to make it clear to our children that kindnes is a priority in our homes, school and community. Your daughter’s search for happiness and success in life should not be at the expense of being kind and respectful to others.

It is important that parents provide guidance with how to deal with destructive emotions. Reminding a child that anger, shame, envy, or other negative feelings are okay, but some ways of dealing with them are not helpful. This will help them learn positive ways to cope with these emotions so that they can express their feelings in a helpful and appropriate way.

The best way to do both is to model what you want your children to do: “Children learn ethical values by watching the actions of adults they respect.” - Harvard psychologist Richard Weissbourd. “You don’t have to be perfect, but showing your children that you’re striving for kindness is a powerful message.”

Parents also need to remember that children need to practise caring for others and expressing gratitude for those who care for them and contribute to others’ lives. The Year 10 Community Service program, Red Cross Door Knock and the Discovery Learning Camps at Year 7 and 9 are important ways that Avila College supports your daughter to develop into a kind and caring adult.

Introducing the Pastoral Care Team for 2016

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Counsellors: Rachael Janssen Donna Teekens Helen Tillinh
Learning Support Co-ordinator: Tanya Induni Health Care Nurse: Cathy Angus Deputy Principal Wellbeing: Christine Kralj

Change of address, contact number or health concern?
Please ensure that the most up to date information is provided on your daughter’s CareMonkey profile page. In particular we ask for your current contact details and that you have supplied an emergency contact number of someone who can come to the College to pick up your child, should the need arise.
If your daughter has had a change in her health, please ensure that you contact Cathy Angus, School Nurse, as soon as possible and provide her with information about health care.
We want to be proactive in caring for your daughter and can only do this if we have the correct information.

The Pastoral Team
HIGH ACHIEVERS ASSEMBLY

At the High Achievers Assembly on Tuesday 2 February, we welcomed back to the College, our 2015 VCE and VCAL high achieving students. We celebrated and acknowledged students who achieved outstanding ATAR scores of 90 and above, those who achieved a perfect score of 50, students who attained the highest study score in their subject and our VCAL High Achiever.

Sophia Elliott, our 2015 College Dux, with an ATAR score of 99.05, was presented with the Filomena Salvatore Dux gift. She shared with the community how important and beneficial her involvement in extracurricular activities such as Drama and Debating had been, not only in her final year but throughout her time at Avila.

Our Community also welcomed back Talisa Trantino (pictured below) from the class of 2009. In Year 11, Talisa had her Visual Communication and Design folios on display in Top Designs. The following year, she was awarded the Premier’s Award for her perfect score in Design and Technology. Talisa continued to add to her achievements, finishing her Bachelor of Design with First Class Honours in 2013 and RMIT’s award for academic excellence. In the same year she was the winner of The Australian Fashion Foundation Internship Grant. This was her stepping stone into the international fashion scene and now Talisa works as a Designer at Alexander McQueen, London’s esteemed luxury brand fashion house.

‘Hard work’ was a consistent theme in Talisa’s address to the assembly. It was hard work and commitment that enabled her to be a high achiever while at school and it is the same work ethic Talisa continues to apply successfully in her field as a designer.

Donna Bell
Director of Administration/VCE

Above: Sophia Elliott, College Dux 2015

Pictured above: Talisa Trantino and Louise Gunther, College Principal
2016 STUDENT LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

On Thursday 28 January the Student Leaders of 2016 gathered together for a series of leadership seminars at the College. The group of 21 impressive young leaders actively engaged in all of the activities and topics presented.

Thanks are extended to Mrs Kralj, Mrs Fleeton and Mrs Opray for preparing and presenting a range of thought-provoking and insightful seminars and workshops. The Student Leaders also participated in a series of team building and problem solving activities. Throughout the afternoon the Student Leaders were given time to plan and prepare the assembly presentation of their 2016 theme ‘It’s up to us.’ Mrs Fleeton led a beautiful Commissioning Ceremony with our Principal, Ms Gunther at the end of the seminars.

Following the seminars and Commissioning Ceremony the Student Leaders and their parents joined the Leadership Team at Avila College for a BBQ. The evening was a perfect opportunity for students, parents and staff to meet in anticipation for a wonderful 2016 school year. Many thanks to all of the parents of the Student Leaders who attended the BBQ. Particular thanks are extended to the Quinn family and Mr Cornell for their help throughout the evening.

Andrew Gutteridge
Student Leadership Co-ordinator

HEALTH CENTRE NEWS

Welcome new and old students back to school at Avila College for 2016!

Students come to the Health Centre if they have an accident, pain, or are ill. Sometimes a short rest and/or medication is all that is required and students are able to return to class. It is not the school’s intention that students spend a long time in the Health Centre, so depending on the problem, we may ring a parent to discuss it. Someone will be required to collect a student from school that is unable to return to class.

If you would like to leave medication for your daughter we are happy to store it in the Health Centre to dispense to your daughter, when she needs it. (Please attach a note with necessary details or I can forward you a Medication Permission form.) The Health Centre has Paracetamol, Ibuprofen, Claratyne and Zyrtec in stock, which require parental permission before being given. (Paracetamol can be given if allowed on CareMonkey.)

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you want to discuss any aspect of your daughter’s health, especially if there are changes. Please also update CareMonkey if your contact details change.

Anaphylaxis, Allergy, Seizure and Asthma plans should be updated annually for school. Allergy, Anaphylaxis and Asthma forms require a doctor’s signature. If you need a new Action Plan, it can be forwarded to you. All staff at Avila College need to be aware of students who have high risk medical issues and the Action Plans spell out treatment required. It is best if the forms are returned to the Health Centre as soon as possible.

Brenda Dent, Veronica Nicoll and Jenny Colvin assist me in the Health Centre during busy periods, on immunization days and during lunchtime so you may receive a phone call from one of them regarding your daughter’s health.

Looking forward to a Healthy 2016!

Cathy Angus (Registered Nurse)
Phone: 9831 9646. Email: cangus@avilacollege.vic.edu.au
PFA REPORT
Welcome Back
Firstly welcome back to the new school year. I hope you and your family enjoyed a relaxing break. I am sure this year will be full of exciting times and wonderful achievements as our girls progress through 2016 under the guidance of the dedicated Avila staff.

2016 PFA Meetings
As you may know the PFA meets approximately once each month in the evening from 7pm at the College. Dates for our 2016 meetings are as follows:

- Wednesday 24 February
- Thursday 10 March
- Wednesday 27 April
- Tuesday 24 May
- Wednesday 27 July
- Wednesday 7 September
- Tuesday 25 October
- Thursday 17 November

I extend a warm invitation on behalf of the Committee for you to join us. The PFA organises events and activities to assist the college and we also enjoy each other’s company and have a lot of fun in the process. Please email Annie Opray (aopray@avilacollege.vic.edu.au) if you plan on attending a PFA meeting.

Year 7 Families Welcome Picnic
The PFA is proud to be co-hosting the Year 7 Families Welcome Picnic at the College from 3.30pm to 7:00pm on Friday 12 February. We invite all new Year 7 families to join us, as it is the perfect occasion to get to know other families in the Avila community. All members of your family are invited to come along. Please BYO food and drinks and chairs or a picnic rug. Our talented Avila musicians will entertain us and there will be games for the children to play. We look forward to meeting you there.

New Year Level Representatives
Thank you to all parents who nominated to be a Year Level Rep at Avila for 2016. We had a fantastic response and have appointed two parents per year level as Year Level Reps.

PFA Committee member Maria Frizziero and Annie Opray the Director of Marketing and Development met with the Reps for a briefing on Wednesday 3 February. The Reps are responsible for organising two social events for the year, so stay tuned for more details.

IGA Community Benefits Scheme
Next time you are shopping at IGA/Richies Mount Waverley, be sure to use your Community Benefits Card. IGA donate a portion of sales back to community groups which can be significant over time. If you already have a card make sure you have nominated Avila College as the community group or if you don’t already have one it only takes a moment to set up, just ask at the check out. Thanks for your support.

As my daughters move up to another year level, I along with many other parents, find it hard to believe how fast time is going. That is why I think it is so important to get involved now because the next thing we know we will be attending their graduation dinner and the opportunity will have passed us by. Looking forward to meeting many of you in the near future.

Kind regards,

Wasana Fernando
PFA President
PATHWAYS AND CAREER NEWS

Welcome to 2016
The Avila community is very proud of the excellent results and pathways of our Year 12, 2015 cohort. All Year 12 students are provided with Careers advice throughout the year regarding their options for chosen pathways. We are very proud to say that 97.86% of our students who entered preferences in VTAC received first round offers to a course of interest. All students who applied directly to institutes were accepted. The following information is evidence of the fact that Avila provides opportunities for girls to develop their skills, abilities and interests in a wide variety of areas and enables the girls to pursue their passions.

Tertiary offers made by area of interest:

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All current Year 12 students will be invited to make an appointment to see a Careers Counsellor this term to begin planning their pathway for 2017 and beyond. A booking sheet will be distributed to each class in turn.

Tax File Number (TFN)

Any student will need at tax file number if she starts work (part-time and full-time) and all students planning on a tertiary education require one when they start.

Importantly, current Year 12 students are reminded that they will need the TFN when they enrol in a CSP (Commonwealth Support Place) course at university, so it is worthwhile getting an application submitted early.

Students must apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office. To apply and also to find out about participating Post Offices, visit TFN Application.

UMAT2016

Year 12 students should note that applications to sit the UMAT2016 are now open and registrations close on Friday 3 June 2016 at 5.00pm sharp. The UMAT2016 will be held on Wednesday 27 July 2016, and the results will be available late September 2016. Students should also note that results from UMAT2016 can only be used for undergraduate medicine or health science courses beginning in 2017 but not 2018. Students should not register for UMAT2016 unless they are planning to apply for a course commencing in 2017 and they meet the eligibility criteria specified in the UMAT2016 Information Booklet.

For more information, and/or to apply visit UMAT2016 or call (03) 8508 7643.

Year 11 students may not sit the UMAT2016 and should they do so, their results will be cancelled and they may not be allowed to sit the UMAT again.

Students sitting the UMAT should note that candidates who do not possess a current passport, driver's licence or learner's permit are strongly recommended to apply for an Australian Keypass or Australian Proof of Age Card as soon as possible as no other forms of ID will be accepted. Candidates without correct identification will not be permitted to sit UMAT2016 and will be turned away.
The UMAT is required for the following courses:
Charles Darwin University, Clinical Sciences
Curtin University, Medicine
Flinders University, Clinical Sciences/Medicine
La Trobe University, Health Sciences (Dentistry) (non-Y12), Oral Health Science (non-Y12)
Monash University, Medicine
University of Adelaide, Dental Surgery, Medicine
University of Auckland (NZ), Medicine
University of Newcastle /University New England, Joint Medical Program
University of New South Wales, Medicine, Optometry
University of Otago (NZ), Dental Surgery, Medical Laboratory Science, Medicine
University of Queensland, Dental Science, Medicine (provisional entry)
University of Tasmania, Medicine
University of Western Australia, Dental Medicine (assured entry), Medicine (assured entry)
University of Western Sydney, Medicine

All students have been emailed the latest Career News newsletters which includes information about:
Topics covered are:
• Group of Eight Universities
• The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
• QS World’s Top Universities Rankings
• Tax File Number (TFN)
• UMAT2016
• ISAT 2016

A copy of the Newsletter is available on Avila’s Careers Guidance site (see link on Simon).

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SPORT NEWS
Welcome back to a new school year. My name is Tim Ross and I have joined the College this year in the role of Sports Co-ordinator. We have a really exciting year ahead with regards to our sports programme and the many wonderful opportunities available to your daughters.

Sports offered for Term One include: Tennis, Athletics, Swimming, Diving, Indoor Cricket and Aerobics.

Upcoming Training and Trials
Diving - Monday 8 Feb, 6:45-7:45am at Aqualink Box Hill
Aerobics - Tuesday 9 Feb & Thursday 11 Feb, 7-8am at Avila GYM
Athletics - Tuesday 9 Feb, 3:30-4:30 at Holy Family
Swimming – Wednesday 10 Feb, 7:00-8:00am at Monash Aquatic & Recreation Centre
Indoor Cricket - Tuesday 9 Feb (Juniors), Wednesday 10 Feb (Intermediates), Thursday 11 Feb (seniors) 3:30-4:30 Avila Gym
Tennis – Tuesday 9 Feb, 3:30-4:30 Avila Courts

Upcoming Events
11 February - Year 7 Swim afternoon
12 February - Genazzano Invitational Swim Meet
7 March - Avila House Swimming Carnival
10 March - SCSA Tennis tournament
23 March - SCSA Swimming & Diving Meet

Breakfast for our Athletes
A reminder to parents and students that we will be providing breakfast for our teams who have morning training commitments. Toast and cereal will be available in the old canteen from 8am. Make sure you pop by to refuel for the day!

Tim Ross
Sports Co-ordinator